



Clark County Regional Support Network Policy Statement

Policy No.: AD10
Policy Title: Allied Systems Coordination
Effective Date: November 4, 2005

Policy: Clark County Regional Support Network (CCRSN) recognizes that the needs of consumers with mental illness and their families are best met through a coordinated cross-system approach. Consumers need formal and informal systems to succeed at school, at home, at work, and in their communities. CCRSN works to build and sustain cross-system collaborations and partnerships that foster cooperation and recovery.

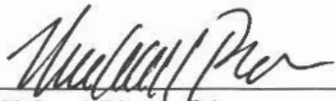
CCRSN shall coordinate mental health services with other systems of care (e.g. Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Developmental Disabilities, Children's Administration, Juvenile Justice, Aging and Disabilities Services Administration, Tribal Authorities, Vocational Rehabilitation, health services, jails, law enforcement, informal/natural supports, and educational entities).

Reference: Washington State Mental Health Division RSN Interlocal Agreements; RCW 71.24.015, 025, 430, 470; WAC 388865-0282

Procedure:

1. CCRSN shall maintain service delivery protocols approved by the Mental Health Division for the coordination and integration of services for children, adults, and older adults.
2. CCRSN shall initiate development of other formal agreements or coordination plans with our community partners or allied service providers for other systems of care as a need is identified.
3. When opportunities for involvement in informal work groups, committees or other cross-system activities are identified, CCRSN shall ensure appropriate representation and participation by CCRSN staff.
4. Written plans or agreements shall address the following criteria:
 - a) Roles and responsibilities of each party;
 - b) Mechanisms for sharing of information related to eligibility, access and authorization;
 - c) Identification of needed local resources, including initiatives to address those needs;
 - d) Facilitation of community reintegration from out of home placements including Western State Hospital, Children's Long-term Inpatient Program, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration facilities, foster care, skilled nursing facilities and acute inpatient settings for consumers of all ages and as appropriate;
 - e) A process for resolving disputes related to services or payment; and
 - f) Evaluation of cross-system coordination and integration of services.

5. CCRSN shall develop an annual plan for the coordination of care with allied systems that
- a) Incorporates existing MOUs, letters of agreement, and coordination plans;
 - b) Identifies gaps in continuity of care;
 - c) Evaluates the effectiveness of current agreements and plans; and
 - d) Creates a work plan for the coming year.

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